

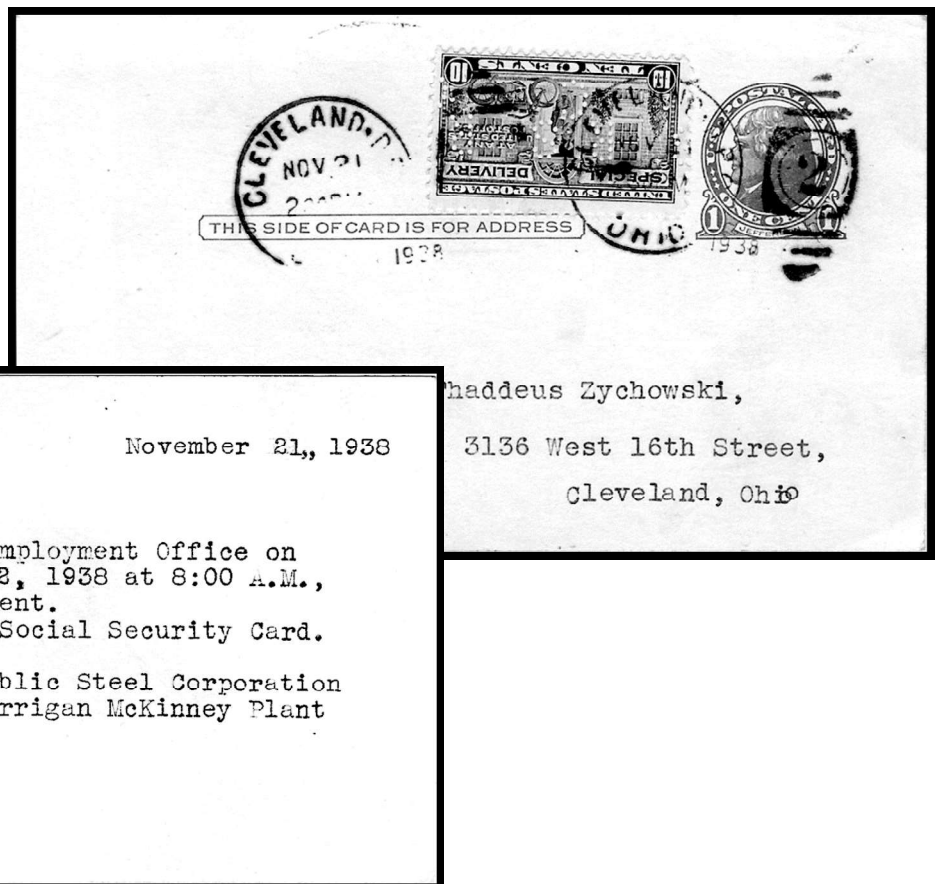
Special Delivery Post Card

(Perfin Oddities #1)

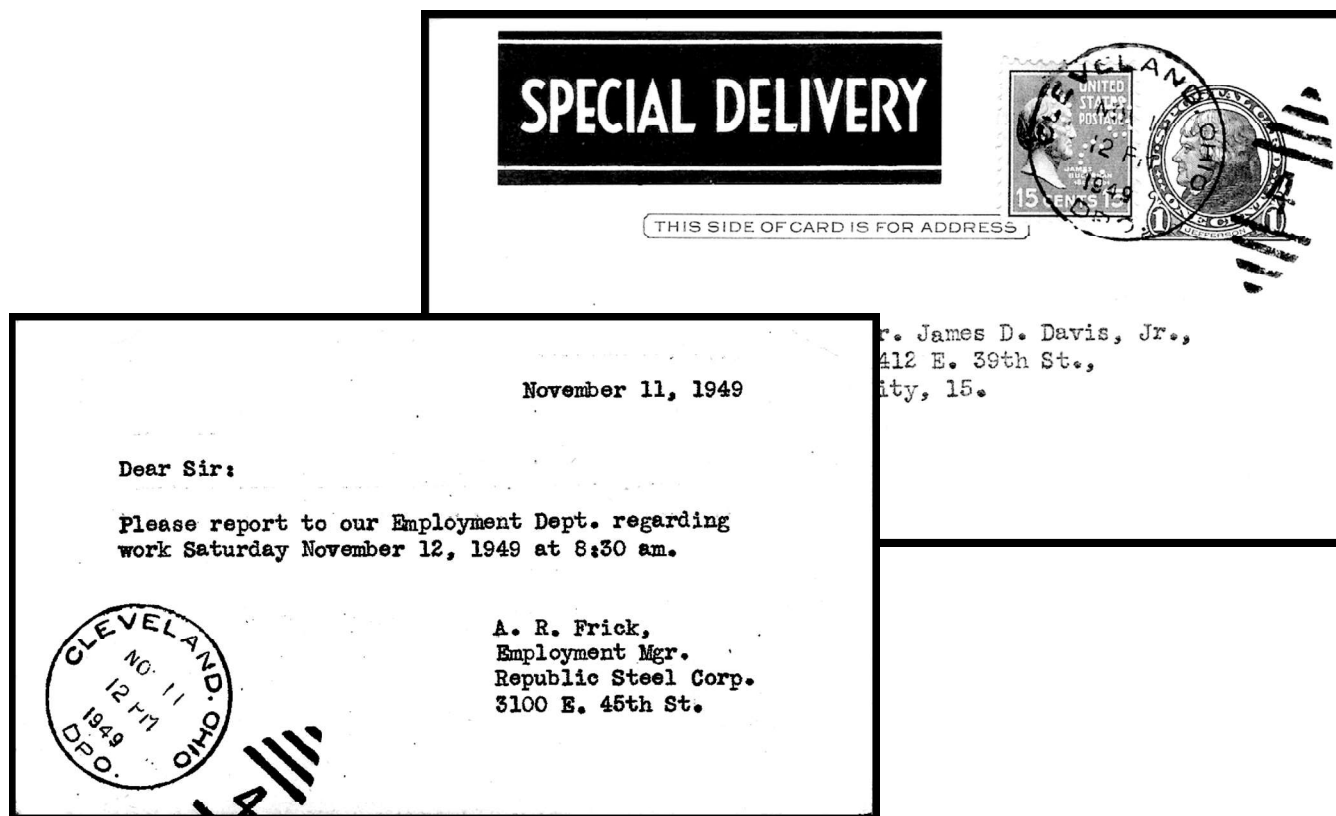
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Several years ago, I wrote about my 11¢ Polk (Prexy) collection wondering as to what use one 11¢ stamp by itself would have. I was answered in great detail by Lou Repeta, and one of those answers was that an 11¢ stamp could pay the penny postage for a postcard and 10¢ charge for special delivery during a specific time period. I mused as to who would ever do that except to make a philatelic item!

Well, I think that I found one company that came close. Not with an 11¢, nor later a 16¢ postage stamp (a 16¢ Lincoln Prexy would be really prized by Lincoln collector Chris Rueger!) but with the more pedestrian penny postcard and a 10¢ special delivery stamp



or the 15¢ Buchanan Prexy



In my collecting of Cleveland, OH perfin usages I have come across three (one sold to another member) that were used by Republic Steel Corporation in Cleveland - all requesting men, who I would surmise had been laid off, to return to work. The stamps are correctly perfined with the R-128

perfin pattern. Also, these were used twelve years apart so many more may exist from this company. Does anyone have another example of this type of usage? I wouldn't have thought that a special delivery postcard ever really existed, but, seeing is believing!